

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 486**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Uniformed Child Abduction Prevention Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 486 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 by adding Subarticle 9 to Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 20, which would enact the "Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act" to provide a legal process to protect children from the risk of abduction as related to a legal custody and visitation issues.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill will have an impact on the General Fund of the State, which can not be quantified, due to the lack of historical data. However, should the number of cases exceeds what the current pool of family court judges can absorb, delays in the family court docket can be expected and additional judges would be needed. The cost associated with one additional judge and staff (administrative assistant, court reporter and law clerk) is approximately \$285,416 for personal services and associated operating expenses and \$16,610 of non-recurring cost for automation and furniture. The addition of new judges would also require more courtroom space, an expense borne by county government.

Department of Social Services

The Department indicates that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Others Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses indicate there would be little or no impact on local expenditures.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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